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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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Chief, Policy and Plans Group
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SUBJECT:

1 June 1977 Draft HCSOC Memorandum of
Understanding and Nondisclosure Agreement

REFERENCE:

Memorandum from Assistant General Counsel,
dated 2 June 1977, Subject: HCSOC
Nondisclosure Agreement (OGC 77-3537)

1. We have reviewed the latest (1 June 1977) draft Memorandum of Understanding and Nondisclosure Agreement for the HCSOC. We have also received a copy of the OGC revised version of the 1 June 1977 Nondisclosure Agreement.

2. With reference to the Memorandum of Understanding:

a. We still do not like the idea of permitting the HCSOC to contact CIA employees directly, and would prefer deletion of the word "ordinarily" from the first line of paragraph 7. However, if this proves difficult to negotiate our feelings are not that strong.

b. We do feel that the reference to Attachment A should be modified to define the clearance procedures in firmer terms. Toward this end we would delete paragraph 9 in its entirety and replace it with a sentence in the middle of paragraph 4 as follows:

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"4. Access by the HCSOC staff to CIA material will be granted only to persons who have current CIA security clearances. Attachment A defines the necessary procedures for obtaining such clearances. HCSOC staff personnel having access to CIA material will have executed a secrecy agreement mutually acceptable to HCSOC and CIA."

The introduction to Attachment A should also be modified as follows:

"The following are the procedures for the clearances for staff employees of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (HCSOC):"

3. We feel very strongly that the revised Nondisclosure Agreement submitted by the Office of General Counsel should be used in lieu of the 1 June 1977 draft. In addition we feel equally strong that the paragraph dealing with the revelation of classified information on page 2 needs further revision. Our problem is caused by the reference in that paragraph to paragraph 8 of the Memorandum of Understanding. Paragraph 8 of the MOU relates to public disclosures by the committee. The cited paragraph in the agreement refers to personal disclosures, whether public or other. To insure clear understanding of the issue the following revision of the cited paragraph is needed:

"I agree that I will never divulge, publish, or reveal in any way any classified information or information designated as pertaining to intelligence sources and methods to any unauthorized person without prior written authorization of the Chairman of House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the Director of Central Intelligence. In the event that the Chairman of the HCSOC gives any such authorization, but the DCI does not agree, the matter will be submitted to the President, whose determination in the matter will be final."



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